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SUBJ: LANGUAGE USER COSTS IN ICAO

REF: STATE 207345

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, D.J. BANDARAGODA WHO WILL HEAD GSL DELEGATION TO SEPTEMBER 13 ASSEMBLY.
2. IN FIRST MEETING BANDARAGODA EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH US THAT REEXAMINATION OF CONCEPT OF LANGUAGE USER COSTS MUCH NEEDED, STATING THAT HE FELT U.S. RESOLUTION "VERY SENSIBLE."
3. REGARDING QUESTION OF CO-SPONSORSHIP AND VOTE, BANDARAGODA STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELUCTANT TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION AND THAT GSL VOTING STANCE WOULD DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE FEELINGS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION (SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PAKISTAN) REGARDING THE GENERAL QUESTION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES IN THE ICAO.
4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, AFTER BANDARAGODA HAD DIS-

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CUSSED MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE INFORMED US THAT GSL FEELING IS THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO CO-SPONSOR THE U.S. RESOLUTION. REGARDING GSL VOTE, HE STATED THAT "SINCE THE RESOLUTION INVOLVES A FAIRLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE, WE WOULD PROBABLY VOTE AS DO THOSE WITH WHOM WE NORMALLY VOTE IN THE UNITED NATIONS." EMBASSY PRESUMES THIS MEANS NON-ALIGNED.

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